

NHSBCA Convention Marks Beginning of Baseball Season

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For Pete Greenwood, Assistant Coach at Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines, FL, the annual NHSBCA convention gets him reenergized for the season.

“What is nice about this is that it is before the season starts and you get some knowledge, you get to see vendors, you get to see coaches from around the country, and set up games if you want to,” he said. “But the nicest thing is that it gets you excited to go into the season.”

In Florida, Greenwood coaches 11 months out of the year and only gets a few weeks off before jumping right back into the season.

“It gives you a little pep in your step and gets you really excited to get back into coaching again,” he said. “No matter how passionate you are and how much you love it, a little kick in the butt doesn’t hurt.”

This is Greenwood’s third year attending the conference and he also enjoys the opportunity to see old friends and meet new coaches from around the country. Being from Florida, the convention is one of the only times he can see coaches around the country.

“One guy that we met here was Pudge, he is from Madison High School, Virginia, is a guy that we will probably only get to see at this time. And at least once a year I’ll try to go up there or he’ll come to ours or something like that, and we try to see each other more than that but this is obviously the easiest thing to do,” he said.

This year, he met Bob Morgan, Former University of Indiana Head Coach, who spoke on hitting mechanics and technics.

“I’ve got to know him very well over the weekend and he is a phenomenal guy. Seeing him on stage was great, very energetic,” Greenwood said. “He is really, really funny and had a 45 minute speech with three hours of information shoved into it.”

The clinic is just as important as making new friends, Greenwood’s colleagues come from all different coaching backgrounds, high school, college, professional ball, but the speakers allow him to bring new ideas back for the start of the season.

“You have 40 kids you’re teaching it to and 35 may get it one way, four may get it another, and one kid may get it some third different way that clicks. If you can present it a few different ways, more kids are going to pick up on it,” he said. “That’s the biggest thing, you do find some nice gems in there but for the most part it’s the way you present it that’s really great.”