

Girls Assistant Coach of the Year

James Huey - Lockport Township High School

Jim Huey, assistant coach at Lockport, is this year's Girls Assistant Coach of the Year. He began coaching at Lockport nearly 40 years ago and has been part of a blossoming program that has significantly come of age during the last decade.

Jim summed up his feelings regarding this award:

"I am so honored to be selected by the IHSTCA for this award. Our team has been blessed with many talented players both on the varsity and sophomore teams. The players saved their best performance of the season for the conference, sectional, and state tournaments. Coach Champlin and I teach hard work, personal improvement, and always do your best. It is easy to be enthusiastic about practice, match play, and having fun. It's my honor to be a part of the tennis program at Lockport. Quality students and their hard work made this honor possible for me and our program."

Lockport head coach Bob Champlin wrote the following regarding Jim:

"Jim lays a foundation for the players as they come to varsity to have good basic understanding of the techniques and strategies of tennis. His players are always well prepared for varsity competition. I definitely attribute our continual success at the varsity level to the instruction he gives the players before they get to varsity."

Lockport tied for 30th place at this year's girls state tennis tournament, qualifying five players. Jim Huey was very involved in getting these five girls to the level at which they were able to compete at state.

Congratulations, Jim, on your IHSTCA Girls Assistant Coach of the Year award!