

Girls Coach of the Year – Class 2A

Tom Stanhope - Stevenson

Tom Stanhope's eighth year in charge of girls tennis at Stevenson High School culminated in the school's first ever tennis team state championship. After finishing 2nd at the state meet the last three years, Stevenson got over the hump in 2017, tying Whitney Young for the title. Here are a few highlights of Stevenson's year and Tom's career:

- Season record of 18-0
- Won four Saturday invites including the North Suburban Conference title
- Sectional champions with a perfect score of 36 points – seventh title in a row
- Tied Whitney Young for team state title
- Katherine Harvey and Elizabeth Ferdman finished 5th in doubles
- Zoe Taylor finished top 8 in singles
- Alyssa Glaser finished top 16 in singles
- Tom's 8-year record at Stevenson is now 124-14
- The Patriots are 67-1 over the last four years, winning four state trophies

Tom is very humble about his school's success and his role in it. Here is a comment from him about the 2017 Patriot squad:

“Our program takes pride in making tennis, what's traditionally an individual sport, a team sport. We were very lucky to have a team that embraced that concept from the very beginning and cherished the team successes over individual ones.”

Congratulations, Tom, on your IHSTCA Coach of the Year award!