

# **Assistant Coaches of the Year**

## **Brad Wilson (Niles West) - 2A Girls**

“Working with talented, passionate colleagues and such dedicated student athletes makes teaching and coaching at Niles West a pleasure every day. The season was even more special as the consistent effort of the players was rewarded with improved tennis competitiveness, a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at our sectional, and a player qualifying for the state tournament.”

## **Tracey O’Fallon (Ottawa) - 1A Girls**

Tracy helped lead Ottawa to another top 10 finish at the state meet in 2019. The Pirates were 10-1 in duals and champions of the Ottawa sectional. Ottawa qualified five girls for the state meet, including a 5<sup>th</sup> place doubles team that included Tracey’s daughter. In its first year in a new conference (the Interstate Eight), Ottawa won the league title

## **Sue Sprovieri (Reavis) - 2A Boys**

“Tennis is a game of partnership(s) as is life. You can push your partner down, or you can pull your partner up. What kind of partner you choose to be is up to you. You can win or lose as a team. A team loss is never the fault of one individual. I am hoping all my players choose to be the supportive partner. People never forget how you treat them on or off the court.”

## **Murphy Liang (Marian Catholic) - 1A Boys**

Marian Catholic’s boys won their sectional for only the fourth time in school history and the first time since 2014. Murphy helped the team achieve a 14-9 dual record and advance four players to the state meet. At state, the Spartans tied for 53<sup>rd</sup> in the team standings.