

## **Boys Regional Coaches of the Year**

### *Matt Gross (Ottawa)*

Matt has been the head coach at Ottawa for 21 years. He has amassed 222 career wins and captured nine conference and seven sectional titles during his tenure. Last year's Pirate squad finished 8-6 on the season. Matt is a past president of the IHSTCA and has been a long-time board member of the organization.

### *Kevin Reed (Geneseo)*

Kevin has coached the Maple Leafs for 20 years. Last year, his team compiled a record of 11-2, finishing second in the NIB 12 conference. Geneseo also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rochelle Sectional, advancing a doubles team to the state meet. Geneseo is a no-cut school and had over 40 boys on its squad last year.

### *Mark Conrad (Glenbard South)*

Mark's 2019 Raider team finished 13-6 in dual matches and excelled in the post-season. Glenbard South finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wheaton Academy Sectional, advancing a singles player and a doubles team to state. At state, Alex Bergendorf finished 6<sup>th</sup>, earning first team all-state. As a team, Glenbard South tied for 7<sup>th</sup>.

### *Steve Boll (Dixon)*

Steve's 2019 Dixon Dukes finished with a dual record of 11-2. Playing in the Rochelle Sectional, his top doubles team of seniors Daniel Ferguson and Jonathan Rivera won the sectional title. At the state meet, Dixon tied for 53<sup>rd</sup> in the team standings.

### *Kelly Willard (Metamora)*

Kelly Willard's 22<sup>nd</sup> Redbird team finished 21-1 in dual matches, won five Saturday invites including Metamora's 11<sup>th</sup> sectional title in the last 17 seasons, advanced all six players to the state meet, and finished 7<sup>th</sup> at state. Brian Lelm (so), Michael Poppen (sr), and Ethan Greenfield (jr) each earned all-state recognition.

### *Eric Laird (Wheaton North)*

Eric's Wheaton North Falcons finished 16-3 in dual matches, won two Saturday quads, and captured the DuKane Conference title. His team finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the Lisle Benet Sectional, advancing senior Kevin Li to the state tournament. He finished in the top 24 to earn all-state status.

### *John Roncone (Barrington)*

John Roncone's Barrington Broncos finished 17-2 in dual matches and won four Saturday events including the Mid-Suburban League Conference and Huntley Sectional championships. Barrington qualified all six players for state and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the team standings. Matt D'Amore (jr), Dylan Er (sr), Pranav Gadiraju (fr), and Aryan Sharma (jr) each earned all-state recognition.

### *Larry Faulkner (Glenbrook South)*

In his 44<sup>th</sup> year of coaching, Larry's Glenbrook South Titans won three Saturday invites, including the school's 13<sup>th</sup> sectional title. Larry's team advanced four players to the state meet, where the Titans finished 6<sup>th</sup> as a team. Michael Bukhalo (sr), Marc Blekhman (so), Ben Soyfer (so), and Daniel Deborin (so) each earned all-state recognition.