

Girls Regional Coaches of the Year

Mike Hand (Benet)

Mike Hand's 2019 Benet Redwings finished 19-3 in dual matches, won three Saturday invites, captured the ESCC title, and scored a perfect 36 points at the IHSA sectional. Benet capped off the season by finishing 2nd at the state tournament. All six of Mike's players were named all-state, and his top doubles team of Kendall Schrader and Kaitlyn Lee won the school's first doubles state championship.

Carrie Watson (Marion)

Carrie Watson's Marion Wildcats had their best season in school history, compiling a 24-1 dual record, winning the South Seven Conference title for the first time ever, capturing their second straight sectional title, and finishing 15th at the state meet. Carrie's top player, Nicole Szidik, was named to the all-state singles team.

Gary Garver (Washington)

Gary Garver's 2019 Washington Panthers finished 6-6 in dual matches and finished 2nd in the Bloomington Central Catholic sectional. Both of Coach Garver's singles players made the state tournament, and the Panthers tied for 40th place as a team. In 2018, Gary's first Panther team won the school's first ever Mid-Illini Conference girls tennis championship.

Kevin Graham (Glenbard West)

Kevin improved his three-year record at Glenbard West to 77-8, leading the Hilltoppers to a 4th place finish at the 2019 IHSA state tennis tournament. GBW finished 26-4 in duals and won three Saturday invites. Both of Kevin's doubles teams were named all-state. His top duo, Sienna and Shanelle Lopez, won the state title without dropping a set in the entire tournament.

Matt Bulman (St. Charles East)

Matt's 12th year of coaching produced his best team ever. The St. Charles East Fighting Saints finished 17-3 in duals, including 7-0 in the DuKane Conference, and captured the sectional title by a single point over Glenbard West. The sectional plaque was the first in SCE history. The Saints qualified three players for the state meet and finished tied for 29th as a team.

Meg Ahlgrim (Glenbrook South)

In Meg Ahlgrim's first year, she led Glenbrook South to an 11-2 dual record and a tie for 6th place at the state meet. The Titans scored 35 points in winning their own sectional title, and qualified all six players for state. The doubles teams of Jenna Horne and Elle Stewart (first team) and Erika Patrow and Leah Desserich (2nd team) were named all-state.