

# Hall of Fame Inductee

## *Bill Wham - Lyons Township*



Bill Wham grew up a tennis star. He was a state of Illinois quarterfinalist in singles and played for Indiana University in the 1960s. While at Indiana, he was on the 1964 squad that won the Big Ten title. Indiana has not won a Big Ten title since!

At Lyons Township High School, Bill's players have helped him establish his legendary coaching reputation throughout Illinois. He has coached in some fashion since 1958 when he worked for the Evanston Park District teaching lessons, but it is his work at Lyons over the past thirty years that has cemented his place in the IHSTCA Hall of Fame.

Here are a few of his accomplishments at Lyons:

- 17 IHSA sectional titles (13 boys, 4 girls)
- 21 Top 10 state finishes (9 boys, 12 girls)
- Over 600 dual wins
- 2 boys state trophies (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 2 girls state trophies (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Coached state singles champion (Lahari Yelamanchili - 2016)
- Coached state doubles champion (Dave Robare / John Smits - 2007)
- 2006 IHSTCA Coach of the Year (boys)

In 2010, Bill was inducted into the Evanston Athletic Department Hall of Fame. Because of his devotion to high school tennis in Illinois and his success at Lyons Township High School with both boys and girls, today we add another designation to his resume.

Congratulations, Bill, and welcome to the IHSTCA Hall of Fame!