

Regional Girls Coaches of the Year - Class 1A

Dawuad Talib (Chicago University)

Chicago University won its own sectional in the first year of two-class tennis. It was University High's second consecutive sectional title and fifth in school history. The Maroons qualified five players for the state tournament. Coach Talib's team finished 6th in the Class 1A state meet, with singles player Dhanya Asokumar finishing 3rd and the doubles team of Delnaz Patel and Florence Almeda finishing in the top 8.

Steve Price (Rockford Boylan)

Rockford Boylan won the Rochelle Sectional by seven points over its nearest competitor. It was Boylan's fifth sectional title in Coach Price's twelve-year tenure. The Lady Titans qualified four players for the state tournament. Steve's team finished 7th in the Class 1A state meet, with singles players Ana Hatfield (5th place) and Natalie Muldowney (13th-16th) earning all-state recognition.

Pat Gornik (Dunlap)

Dunlap finished 2nd in its own sectional, nine points behind Rock Island Alleman. The Eagles qualified three players for the state tournament. Pat's team tied for 34th in the Class 1A state meet.

Jerry Stringer (Flora)

Flora won the Olney Sectional, its second sectional title in the last three years. The Wolfgals were one of only two schools to qualify all six players for the state meet. Jerry's team tied for 25th place in the Class 1A state tournament.