

Regional Boys Coaches of the Year

Chris Olson (Lincoln-Way East)

The 2015 Lincoln-Way East tennis team finished with a sparkling dual record of 20-1. In the postseason, Chris Olson's team won its ninth sectional title in the last ten years. LWE scored 33 points at the sectional, winning the title by 12 points. The Griffins qualified all six players for the state meet and finished 26th at state, with each entry winning at least one match. Senior Rohan Piska had the highest finish for LWE, placing 33rd-48th in the singles draw.

Josh Leighton (Deerfield)

Competing in the state's toughest sectional, the 2015 Deerfield team qualified one singles player and one doubles entrant for the state meet. Senior Noah Rosenblat finished 6th in singles, while the doubles team of Chris Casati and Niko Wasilewicz (both juniors) won the doubles title without losing a set in the tournament. All three were named first team all-state. With only two entries at the state meet, Deerfield still finished 4th in the overall team standings. It was the fifth time Josh has guided a Deerfield team to a top five state finish.

Patti Shaw (Peoria Richwoods)

Patti's 2015 Richwoods squad won the Dunlap sectional, qualifying all six players for the state meet. The Knights were 18-0 in dual matches in 2015 and had the best tennis team in Central Illinois. At the state meet, Richwoods tied for 15th, with its top entry of juniors Zach Settlemyer and Kiran Patel-O'Connor finishing in the top 12 in doubles. The other three entries for the Knights all won a match at the state meet. The sectional title was the fourth for Coach Shaw.

Kaye Kimpling (Teutopolis)

The 2015 Teutopolis tennis team finished second in the Casey-Westfield sectional, qualifying both doubles teams for the state meet. Three of those four doubles players were juniors for sixth-year Coach Kaye Kimpling. The Wooden Shoes, enrollment 356, finished 96th at the single-class state meet.

Jack Carmody (Troy Triad)

Jack Carmody led the 2015 Triad Knights to a tie for second place at the O'Fallon sectional. Triad qualified two seniors for the state meet. Jack has led the Knights for the last ten years, picking up two sectional titles and eight conference championships during his tenure in a very competitive part of Illinois.