

# Regional Boys Coaches of the Year

## Bob Champlin (Lockport)

The 2016 Lockport Porters captured the school's second straight sectional title and fifth in school history. Lockport won both the singles and doubles sectional crowns, with singles star Jack Randall finishing in the top 24 at the state meet a week later.

## Tad Eckert (New Trier)

The 2016 Trevian tennis team won New Trier's 40<sup>th</sup> state tennis trophy in school history. New Trier's 21<sup>st</sup> state title gave Tad Eckert his eighth trophy in nine years at NT. Senior Scott Bickel was 2<sup>nd</sup> in singles, while Tom Bickel finished in the top 16. In doubles, Jeffrey Chen and Michal Kusznerko finished 5<sup>th</sup>, and brothers Ricky and Wyatt Mayer finished in the top 12.

## Tim Ancona (Rockford Christian)

Tim Ancona's 2016 Rockford Christian squad finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Machesney Park Sectional, led by state #2 singles seed Brandon Ancona. At the state meet, Brandon finished 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, scoring nine team points to allow RC to tie for 23<sup>rd</sup> in the team standings.

## Jon Friesen (Normal University)

Jon Friesen's 2016 Normal U-High team won the Bloomington Central Catholic Sectional with a perfect score of 36 points. At state, the Pioneers tied for 15<sup>th</sup> in the team standings. U-High's doubles team of Alex Totten and Josh Friesen finished 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, earning all-state recognition.

## Sam Graf (Mascoutah)

The 2016 Mascoutah tennis team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Belleville East Sectional. Sam's son, Andy Graf, qualified for the state meet and finished in the top 32 in the singles draw, earning honorable mention all-state.