

Assistant Coach of the Year

Steve Pichaske (Dunlap) - Boys

Steve Pichaske was the FS coach and top varsity assistant for six years at Dunlap High School until his family moved away from Illinois in 2021. During his tenure, Dunlap's FS teams were highly successful, winning conference titles in six out of eleven possible seasons. With the varsity teams, Steve helped Dunlap to seven Mid-Illini Conference titles and eight sectional championships in his eleven coaching seasons.

Here is what Pat Gornik, Dunlap's head coach, had to say about Steve:

“Steve's unrelenting positive attitude, patience and passion for people, as well as the sport of tennis has made Steve a very well-respected colleague by his coaching peers. It would be extremely difficult to find a single person who Steve coached against that would say anything negative about him. He has never raised his voice in anger at a player or at an opposing coach. He is the coach that we should all strive to be.”

