

Boys Coach of the Year - Class 1A

Jon Friesen - Normal U-High

Jon Friesen led Normal U-High's tennis team to its first ever state trophy in 2018, as the Pioneers tied for the state championship in Class 1A. Here are a few highlights from U-High's 2018 team:

- Dual match record of 11-1
- Third consecutive sectional title
- Qualified all six players for the state meet
- Central State Eight Conference champions (first year in the league)
- 1A Tom Pitchford Invite title (first year of the Class 1A Pitchford)
- Josh Friesen and Carter Burk won the state doubles title
- Dorath Chamarthi finished in the top 8 in singles

Coach Friesen shared his thoughts on this remarkable ride.

“After finishing 4th at state in 2017 and going home without a trophy, the team was determined to win a state title in 2018. Every day, they came to practice self-motivated and focused on the season-ending goal. The hard work paid off and the boys got their trophy. I was so proud of them and privileged to share their joy.”