

## *Boys Coach of the Year – Class 1A*

### ***Pat Gornik - Dunlap***

Patrick Gornik led Dunlap to its best season in school history in 2017, as the Eagles captured the state's first ever Class 1A state championship. Here are a few highlights from Dunlap's 2017 team:

- Dual record of 20-4
- Won three Saturday invites, the Mid-Illini Conference title, and the IHSA Sectional
- Qualified all six players for the state meet with a perfect sectional score of 36
- Victor Spolidorio won the state singles title
- David Wu and Steven Chacko finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in doubles at the state meet
- Captured the Class 1A team state championship

Coach Gornik shared his thoughts on this remarkable ride.

“The 2017 season is one that will always rank at the top of my favorite seasons, no matter how many I am fortunate enough to coach. The varsity team was truly a family and really pushed each other to reach their highest potentials. In a largely individual sport like tennis, it's often easy to get caught up in the “me” and only worry about yourself. This team was truly able to embody the “we over me” philosophy that the coaching staff promotes. It was an honor and a blessing to have such a talented team and play some of our best tennis at the right time.”

Congratulations, Pat, on your 2017 award as the IHSTCA Boys Class 1A Coach of the Year!