

Boys Coach of the Year - 2001

Jay Kramer – Hinsdale Central

Jay's teams are perennial favorites to end up in the top five each year in the Illinois state tournament. 2001 was no exception.

With a 14-1 dual match record (the loss was to a St. Louis team), West Suburban Silver conference championship, IHSA sectional championship, and a 2nd place finish at the state tournament, Jay and his team lived up to their expectations.

Jay has always been a tireless worker and an extreme enthusiast of tennis. No one works harder in developing players and giving them chances to perform. With his guidance and savvy, his players get the best possible coaching and opportunities to play and learn this great game of tennis.

Good, time-tested drills, opportunities for year-round play, and a solid coaching staff have made Jay's program very successful. He goes out of his way to see to it that his players are exposed to the finest instruction, teamwork concepts, and opportunities to participate. Jay is a USPTA professional, national level tournament player, CDTA tournament director, and clinic speaker.

Jay has given a lot in his years as a tennis coach. He has brought recognition to Hinsdale Central as a tennis power in the state. He helped found the IHSTCA and has worked hard to improve high school tennis in the state of Illinois. He is not afraid to voice his opinion even if it is controversial.

Jay has his players' interests in mind at all times. He understands the importance of the development of the player as a person as well as an athlete and competitor.

Thanks, Jay, for your contributions to Illinois tennis. Congratulations for another great season.