

# Boys Coach of the Year - 2008

## *Jay Kramer – Hinsdale Central*

Who is Jay Kramer? In 1957 and 1958, he lettered on the Northwestern tennis team. More recently, he was a nationally ranked player in USTA 50's and 55's age groups. As a father / daughter team, Jay and his daughter reached 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation in 2004. In 1973, Jay built and owned the Oak Brook Racquet and Fitness club. Jay was also one of the founders of the IHSTCA. In 1986, Jay was inducted into the IHSTCA Hall of Fame. A year later he was named National Tennis Coach of the Year. This will be the sixth time Coach Kramer has been the Illinois Boys Coach of the Year.

Jay's tennis teams are perennial favorites in the state of Illinois. Jay started coaching at Hinsdale in 1959 and will be coaching his 51<sup>st</sup> season this coming year. Since he has taken over, Hinsdale has won the state title 15 times, finished as runner-up 13 times, and had 8 third-place finishes. No doubt, it is one of the most dominating programs in the state. Winning the state title in 2007 was a major accomplishment; however, backing it up with another title in 2008 was truly a remarkable achievement for Jay and his team.

The 2008 Red Devil record book and highlights include: dual record of 13-1, champions of the West Suburban Silver Conference Division, Hinsdale Central sectional champions, and champions of the state tennis tournament by only a single point.

Jay brings a unique competitive drive to all of the teams that he has coached. He has always been a tireless worker and an extreme tennis enthusiast. No one has worked harder in developing players and giving them a chance to perform on the courts. He goes out of his way to make sure his teams play the toughest competition in the state every week.

Paul Moretta, Hinsdale Central Athletic Director wrote this of Coach Kramer. "His leadership and knowledge of the sport has propelled our program over the past 50 years. Our tennis program is great because Jay Kramer is the leader. Jay is an institution within our community."

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