

# **Boys Coach of the Year - 2009**

## *Larry Faulkner – Glenbrook South High School*

In 2009, Larry Faulkner completed his 34<sup>th</sup> season as the head boys tennis coach at Glenbrook South High School. Competing in a rugged part of the state, his teams have won eight sectional championships and finished in the state's top ten nine times. His 2009 GBS tennis team was certainly one of his finest, and Larry's role in leading his team during the spring of '09 rightfully earned his recognition as IHSTCA Coach of the Year.

Larry coached four players to first team all-state recognition in 2009. Michael Moore finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in singles, while teammate Ben Hoogland also landed in the state's top eight. Doubles players Tommy McNichols and Michael Sellitto finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in a loaded doubles bracket, while the other GBS doubles team of Fred Tye and Konrad Ryba contributed to the team results with one win at the state meet. In four of the last five years, the 37 points GBS compiled would have been enough to win the state championship. However, in last year's tournament, GBS had to settle for being the best fourth place team in state history.

In addition to having outstanding players on the 2009 GBS team, Larry also had exceptional young men. One of these, Michael Moore, was a recipient of the Tom Pitchford Sportsmanship Award. Overall, GBS finished the season with a record of 20-3, a sectional championship, and a fourth place finish in the state.

Larry's teams have been consistently excellent; since 1989, he has only been involved with one team that did not have a winning record. Coach Faulkner was previously honored with the IHSTCA Coach of the Year award in 1996 after his team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state meet. He was inducted into the IHSTCA Hall of Fame in 2006 to recognize a career of excellence. Finally, he was honored in 2009 with the Warren High School Tennis Recognition Award.

Coach Faulkner is very proud of having a no-cut policy during the last two years. The 2009 GBS roster featured 81 tennis players. He has coached a wide array of sports over the years at GBS, including cross country, track, basketball, and boys and girls tennis. His true passion, however, has always been tennis.

“Tennis has been a wonderful part of my life. I have met so many extraordinarily talented coaches and players, especially those that I work with on a daily basis.”

Congratulations, Larry, on your well-deserved 2009 IHSTCA Coach of the Year award.